

## **MINUTES**

### **BOARD OF COMMUNICATIONS DISORDERS AND SCIENCES**

Date: February 7, 2006

Time: 10:05 a.m. CDT

Location: Cumberland Room, Ground Floor  
Cordell Hull Building  
425 Fifth Avenue North  
Nashville, TN 37247-1010

Members Present: Dr. Melinda Richards, Speech Pathologist, Chair  
Dr. Donna Schwaber, Audiologist, Secretary  
Dr. Mary Fino-Szumski, Audiologist  
Dr. William W. Dickinson, Audiologist  
Ms. Robbie Bell, Ex Officio

Members Absent: Ms. Nakeda Rochelle Kirby, Consumer  
Dr. Sandra Newsom, Speech Pathologist  
Dr. Brian Burkey, Physician,

Staff Present: Ms. Bonnie Ferrell, Board Administrator  
Ms. Juanita Presley, Advisory Attorney  
Ms. Marva Swann, Unit Director  
Mr. Jerry Kosten, Rules Coordinator

A quorum being present, the Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Melinda Richards  
10:15 a.m.

#### **Office of General Counsel**

Ms. Juanita Presley, the Boards new advisory attorney reminded the Board members of their responsibilities under the conflict of interest policy and requested that any member who had not already done so, sign the conflict of interest policy.

Ms. Presley reviewed the travel requirements with the Board.

Ms. Presley presented the Office of General Counsel Report and the status of the following rule changes:

#### **Rules:**

- SLPAs, Adv., screening panels, titles, housekeeping, 1371-1-.01, .03, .06, .08 thru .16, .19, .20 is pending review by OGC and referral to the Attorney General's Office.

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**Rules**

Mr. Jerry Kosten reviewed the Hearing Instrument Specialists amendments to Rule 1370-2-.08-, Examinations, what applicants are required to bring to the practical skills examination. 1370-2-.12, Continuing Education, an individual who requests reactivation of a license which has been retired for two (2) years or more must submit verification which indicates the attendance and completion of twenty (20) hours of continuing education. 1370-2-.19- Council Meetings, Officers, Consultants, Records, and Declaratory Orders shall have Screening Panels added. 1370-2-.20- Advertising, new language regarding the responsibility for advertising records.

Dr. Donna Schwaber made a motion to approve the amendments as written, the motion was seconded by Dr. Mary Fino-Szumski and the following roll call vote was taken by Ms. Bonnie Ferrell.

Dr. Schwaker- yes  
Dr. Melinda Richards- yes  
Dr. Fino-Szumski- yes  
Dr. William Dickinson- yes

**Public Speaker**

Ms. Bobbie Beckmann requested to address the Board regarding Speech Language Pathology Assistants and Dr. Schwaber made the motion to allow Ms. Beckmann to speak to the Board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Fino-Szumski. The motion carried.

Ms. Beckmann informed the Board of her concerns regarding supervision of SLPAs. She requested the Board to amend their rules by requiring SLPAs to have forty to fifty hours of supervision instead of ten to twenty and that all supervision must be documented. She stated that the Board of Education looks to our rules and would require the same.

The Board replied by stating they would take her suggestions under advisement. Dr. Richards also referred Ms. Beckmann to Sylvia Driggers, public school chair for TAASLP.

**Disciplinary Report**

Ms. Robbie Bell reviewed the disciplinary report with the Board. There are no complaint actions to report at this time. There are two (20) licensees being monitored

**Investigative Report at this time.**

Ms. Bell reported that there was no contested case to report at this time; but, there were three (3) open complaints as of the end of December, 2005.

**Minutes**

Dr. Schwaber made a motion to approve the minutes of the November 29, 2005 Board meeting. The motion was seconded by Dr. Dickinson and the motion carried.

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Dr. Fino-Szumski made a motion to approve the minutes from the Hearing Instrument Specialists Council meet on August 4&5, 2005. The motion was seconded by Dr. Schwaber and the motion carried.

**Administrators Report**

Ms. Ferrell reviewed the Administrators report with the Board informing them that 18 speech pathologists and no audiologists renewed on line in the month of January, 2006. Ms. Ferrell also informed them of the number of speech pathologists and audiologists licensees that were 'Active, Retired, and in Failed to renew in the month of January, 2006.

Ms. Bell informed the Board that we were in the process of setting up a new system to keep track of all licensees. She stated that renewals would no longer be mailed to licensees; but, they would receive a card informing them to renew or retire their license on line. This new system would not be up and running for another year to a year and a half. She also explained other advantages the new system would have.

Ms. Ferrell informed the Board that there would be a Board Member Orientation on March 23, 2006. Anyone that would like to attend should let her know. Ms. Presley stated that she would like to attend.

**Ratification**

A motion was made by Dr. Dickinson to grant licenses to all of the following licensees that Ms. Ferrell had initially approved. Dr. Schwaber seconded the motion and the motion carried.

**Speech**

1. Deal, Debra Mae-3396
2. Douglas, Nora Leighann-3394
3. Farr, Kelli M.-3188
4. Houge, Jessica A.-3224
5. Hunter, Jennifer Leigh-3131
6. Hutchinson, William J.-3245
7. James, Leslie P.-3207
8. Johnson, Susan Marie-3116
9. Lombardini, Cheryl A.-3221
10. Miche, Megan-3219
11. Paszkiewicz, Melanie-3397
12. Sterner, Tanya Marie-3353
13. Usery, Susan L.-3134
14. Waggoner, Allison Gore-3406

**Reciprocity**

1. Fry, Christina Elizabeth-3410 – GA

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2. Guillot, Kathryn M.-3409 – TX
3. McDonald, Chequita Delanna-3347 – TN, IL,
4. Reese, Lawanda Anika- 3405 – GA

**Reinstatements**

1. Dougherty, Betty S.-904
2. Harrell, Lisa B.-642
3. Kirby, Melissa Dawn-1680
4. Lutche, Nora S.-301
5. Moorad, Judith L.-1475
6. Peccia, Brooke Hammond-2635
7. Woodring, Anna Marie-2628

**Audio**

1. Grantham, Sarah L.-1446
2. Romine, Jennifer Brooke-1444

**Reciprocity**

1. Dundas, Laura Ivey-1450 – PA
2. Foren, Damaris Evette-1449 – AL
3. Mize, Pamela Dawn-1448 – VA
4. Smith, Kelli G.-1447 – GA, SC
5. Vavrock, Sue Abel-1445 – GA, AL

**Reinstatements**

1. Rawson, Craig Allen-1267
2. Sladen, Douglas-1098

**Adjournment:**

Being no further business, Dr. Fino-Szumski made a motion to adjourn. Dr. Schwaber seconded the motion. The motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 12:05 pm.

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Dr. Melinda Richards, Board Chair

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Date